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1. Pro-Nationalist guerrilla units in Sinkiang include:

- a. Elements of the former Nationalist 5, 42, and 78 Armies, which defected to the Communists in 1949 but which are now engaged in anti-Communist activities.
- b. Approximately 20,000 guerrillas under Yolbars in the mountainous area of Hami.*
- c. Approximately 10,000 guerrillas under Osman.**

2. In mid-September guerrilla units attacked Hunghsiangmiao (紅廟廟), about twenty miles from Tihua, and inflicted heavy losses on Communist troops. They held the area for a short time, then left for the mountains.

25X1 25X1 * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] states that Yolbars, former Nationalist magistrate of Hami, had about 4,000 followers under his command in early April 1950.

25X1 ** [REDACTED] Comment. A Hong Kong vernacular newspaper of 28 March 1950 reported that 5,000 Nationalist guerrillas were operating in the Hami and Hamiko area under Osman and Yolbars. Dispatches from the New China News Agency of 30 April and 26 July reported the capture of Osman and his guerrillas. However, [REDACTED] in August 1950 that Osman and Yolbars had been forced to abandon towns and had moved to the Chemintang mountains, and that in September 1950 Osman was still resisting the Communists.

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25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. The information in paragraph 1 should not be taken as confirmation of a Taipei broadcast of 15 November as it is probable that the [REDACTED] also reported the information to officials in Taipei.

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